

City of Irvine

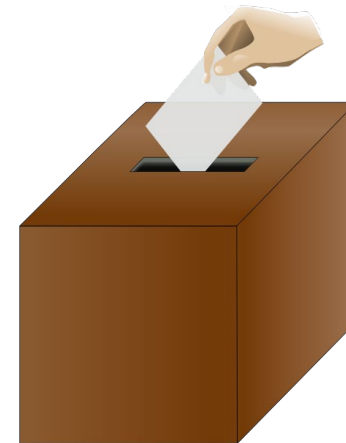
Draft Plan Presentation

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2023

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National Demographics Corporation

Proposed Charter Reforms

- The Council is placing a Charter amendment on the March 2024 ballot that would:
 - ▣ Increase the size of the City Council from five members to seven
 - ▣ Six of the seven seats would be elected “by district”
 - ▣ The Mayor would continue to be elected at-large



Districting Process Overview

Step	Description
<p>Two Initial Hearings April 11 & May 9</p>	<p>Held prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts.</p>
<p>First round of Workshops April – May</p>	<p>Held throughout the community prior to release of draft maps. Education and to solicit input on the composition of districts</p>
<p>Two hearings on draft maps July 11 & Sept 12</p>	<p>Two meetings to discuss and revise the draft maps and to discuss the election sequence.</p>
<p>Second round of Workshops July – September</p>	<p>Additional workshops held throughout the city to discuss the draft maps.</p>
<p>Final Map Submission deadline September 29</p>	<p>Deadline for public map submissions to ensure the map can be presented and discussed at the fourth public hearing</p>
<p>Release draft maps October 3</p>	<p>Maps must be posted at least 7 days prior to the hearing.</p>
<p>Map selection October 10</p>	<p>Map adopted before approval of ballot language for Charter change Final map must be posted at least 7 days prior to adoption.</p>
<p>Charter Vote Citywide vote in March 2024</p>	<p>Charter changes put to the voters in the statewide March primary.</p>
<p>First By-District Election November 2024</p>	<p>First by-district Council elections held.</p>



Workshops – Second Round

Date & Time	Location
Wednesday, July 19 6 pm	Virtual forum over Zoom
Saturday, August 5 10 am	Quail Hill Community Center, 39 Shady Canyon Dr
Saturday, August 5 2 pm	South Coast Chinese Cultural Center, 9 Truman St
Saturday, August 26 10 am	Lakeview Senior Center, 20 Lake Rd
Saturday, August 26 2 pm	Heritage Park Library, 14361 Yale Ave
Saturday, September 23 10 am	Great Park Artist Studio, 8000 Great Park Blvd
Saturday, September 23 2 pm	City Council Chamber, 1 Civic Center Plaza

Districting Rules and Goals

1. Federal Laws

Equal Population
Federal Voting Rights Act
No Racial
Gerrymandering



2. California Criteria for Cities

1. **Geographically contiguous**
2. **Undivided neighborhoods and “communities of interest”**
(Socio-economic geographic areas that should be kept together)
3. **Easily identifiable boundaries**
4. **Compact**
(Do not bypass one group of people to get to a more distant group of people)

Prohibited:

“Shall not favor or discriminate against a political party.”

3. Other Traditional Districting Principles

Respect voters’ choices / continuity in office
Future population growth

Draft Maps

All maps are also available on the
[Interactive Web Viewer](#)

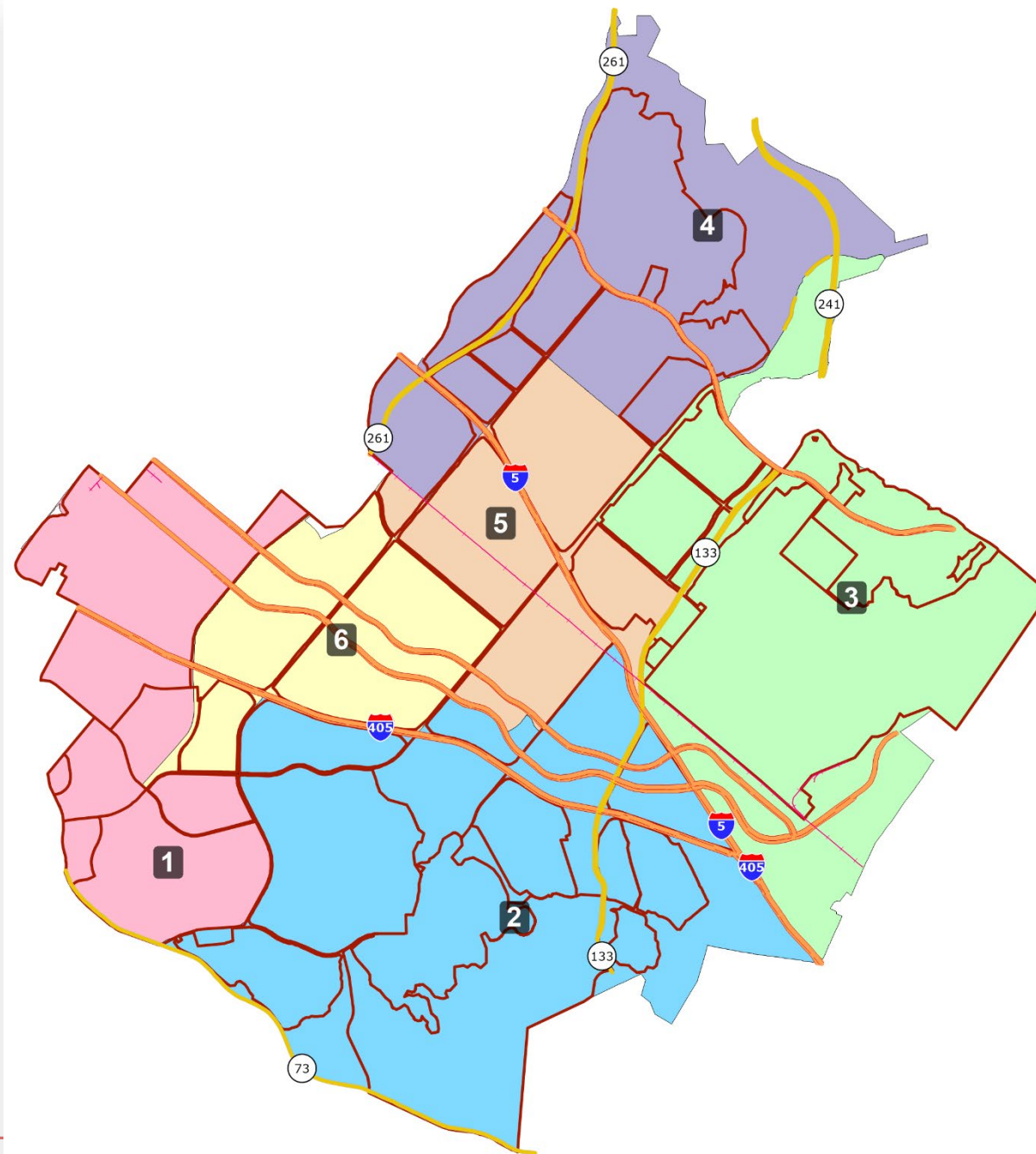
Draft Maps Overview

- At Public Hearing 3, Council selected six focus maps: 126, 133, 135, 136, 138, and 144
 - The City reviewed a total of 45 maps, including 43 maps from the community
 - NDC added two maps (144 and 145) based on testimony and feedback
- Since the last Hearing, the City has received 16 new maps— all are available for viewing on <https://drawirvine.org/draft-maps/>
 - NDC drew three new maps based on City direction: 146, 147, and 148
 - The City received 13 new maps from the community, including 10 from a single individual

Map 126

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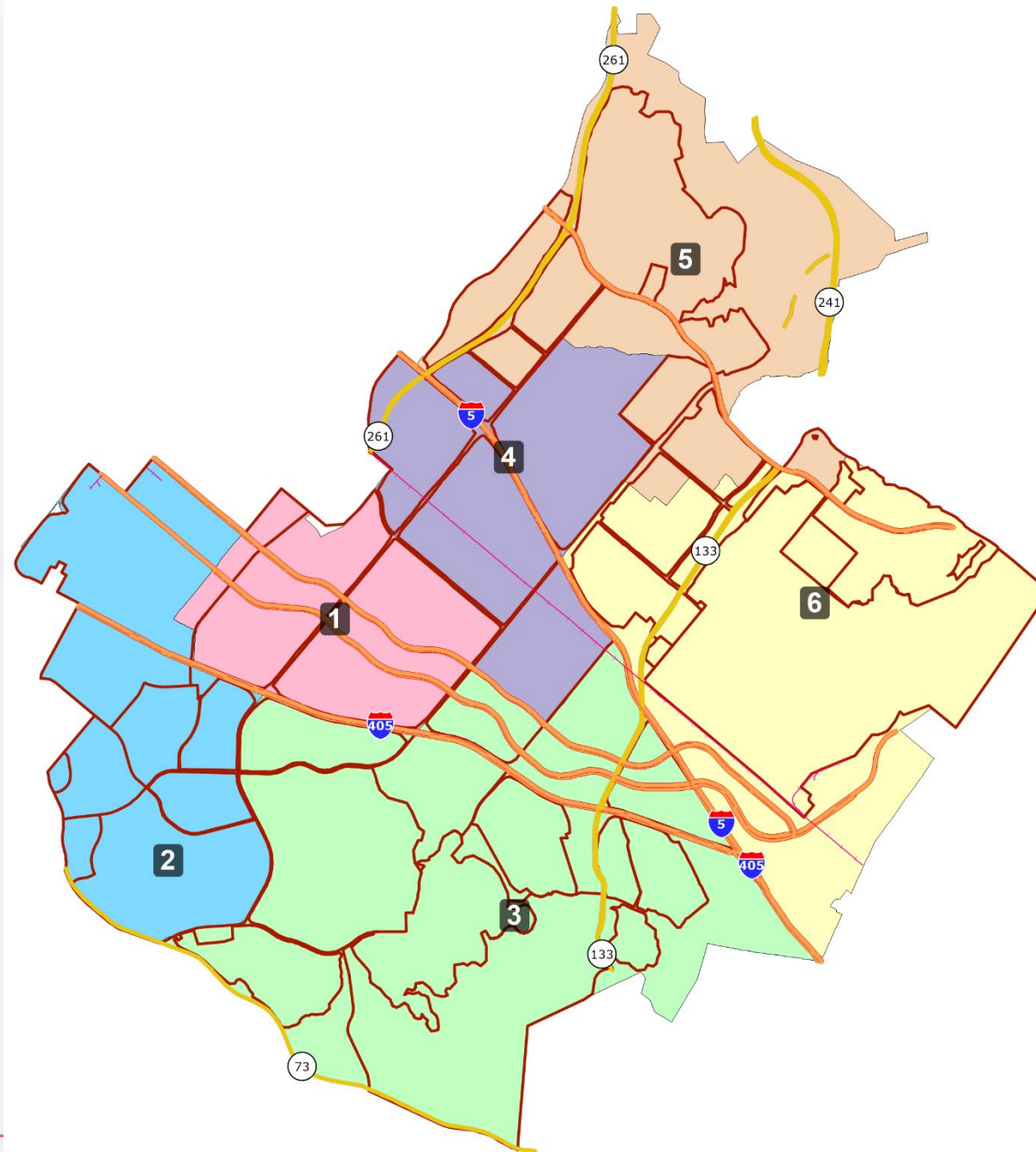
- District 1 – 2026
- District 2 – 2024 or 2026
- District 3 – 2024
- District 4 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)
- District 5 – 2024
- District 6 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)



Map 133

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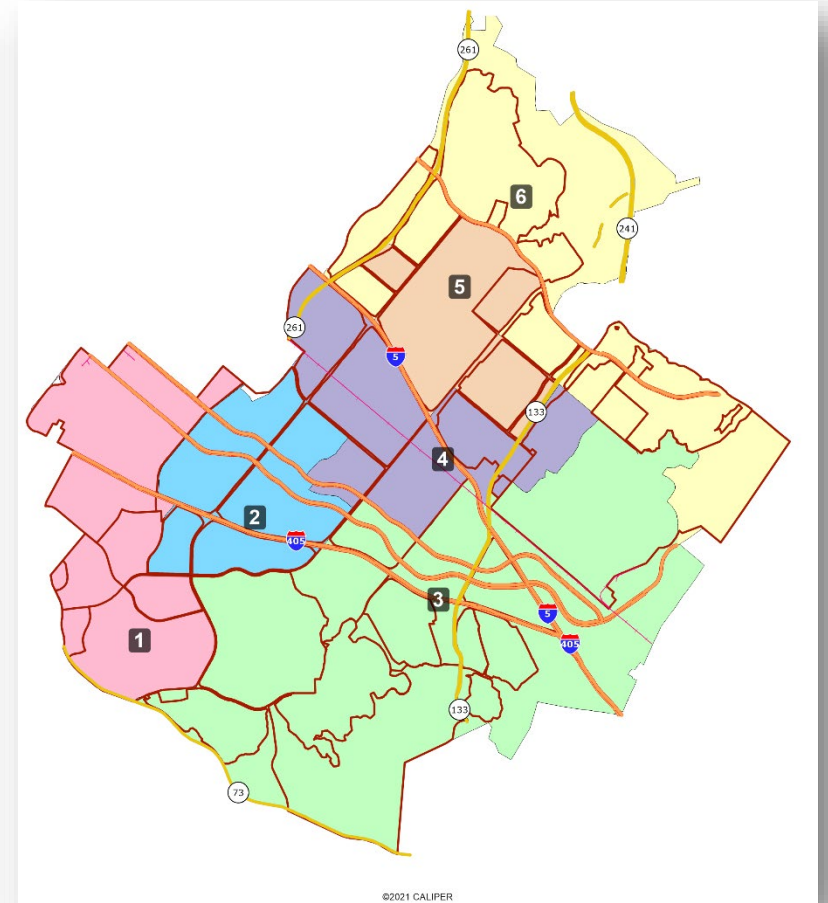
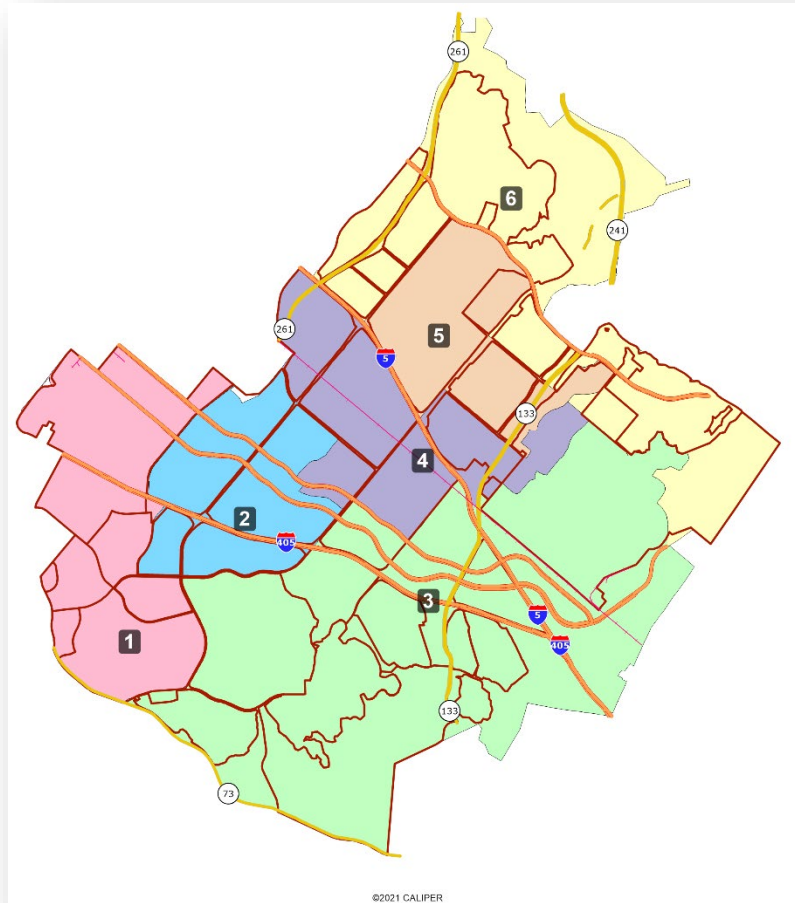
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- District 6 – 2024



Maps 135 and 138

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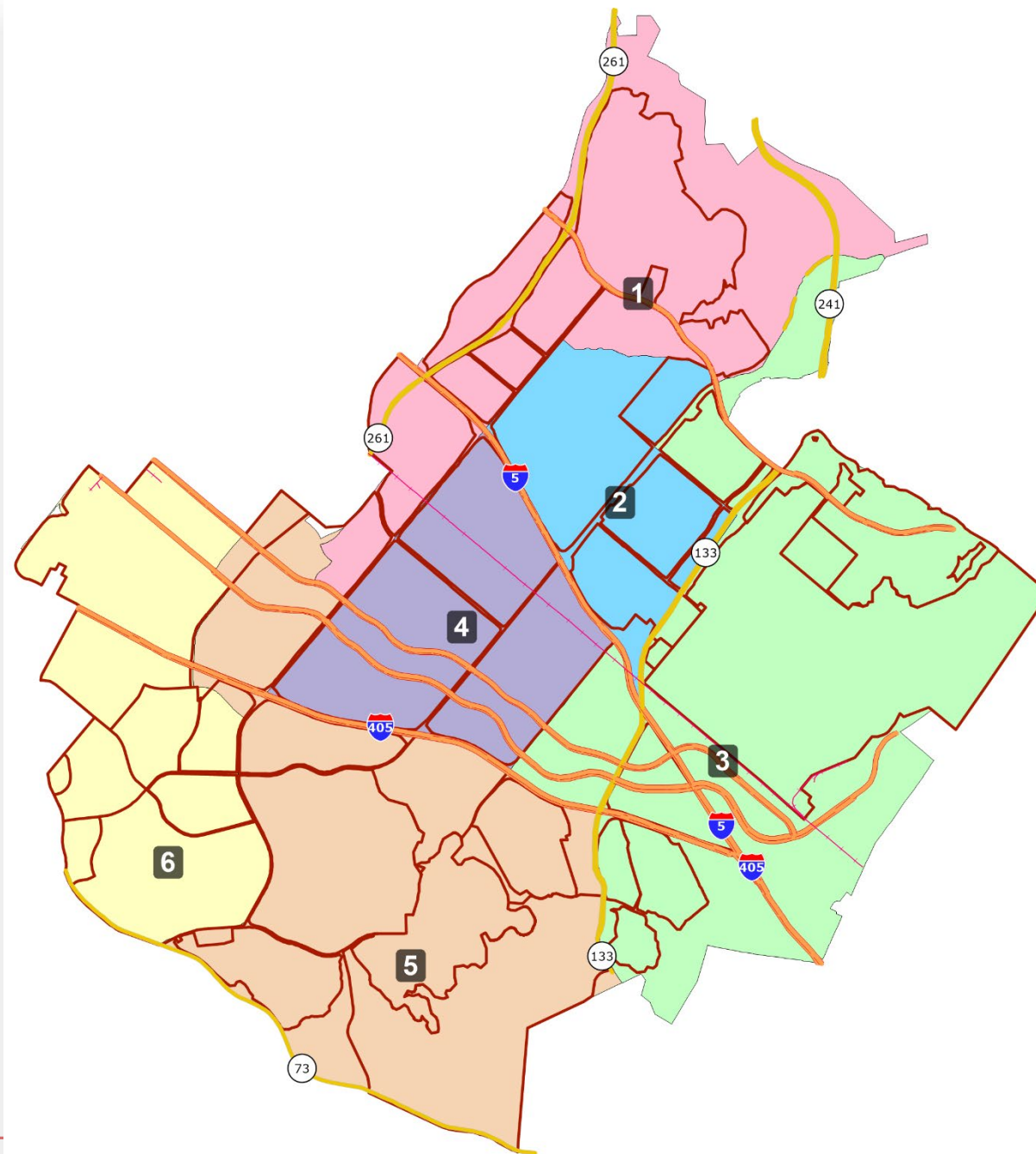
- District 1 – 2026
- District 2 – 2026
- District 3 – 2024
- District 4 – 2024 (may be short term)
- District 5 – 2024
- District 6 – 2024 (may be short term)



Map 136

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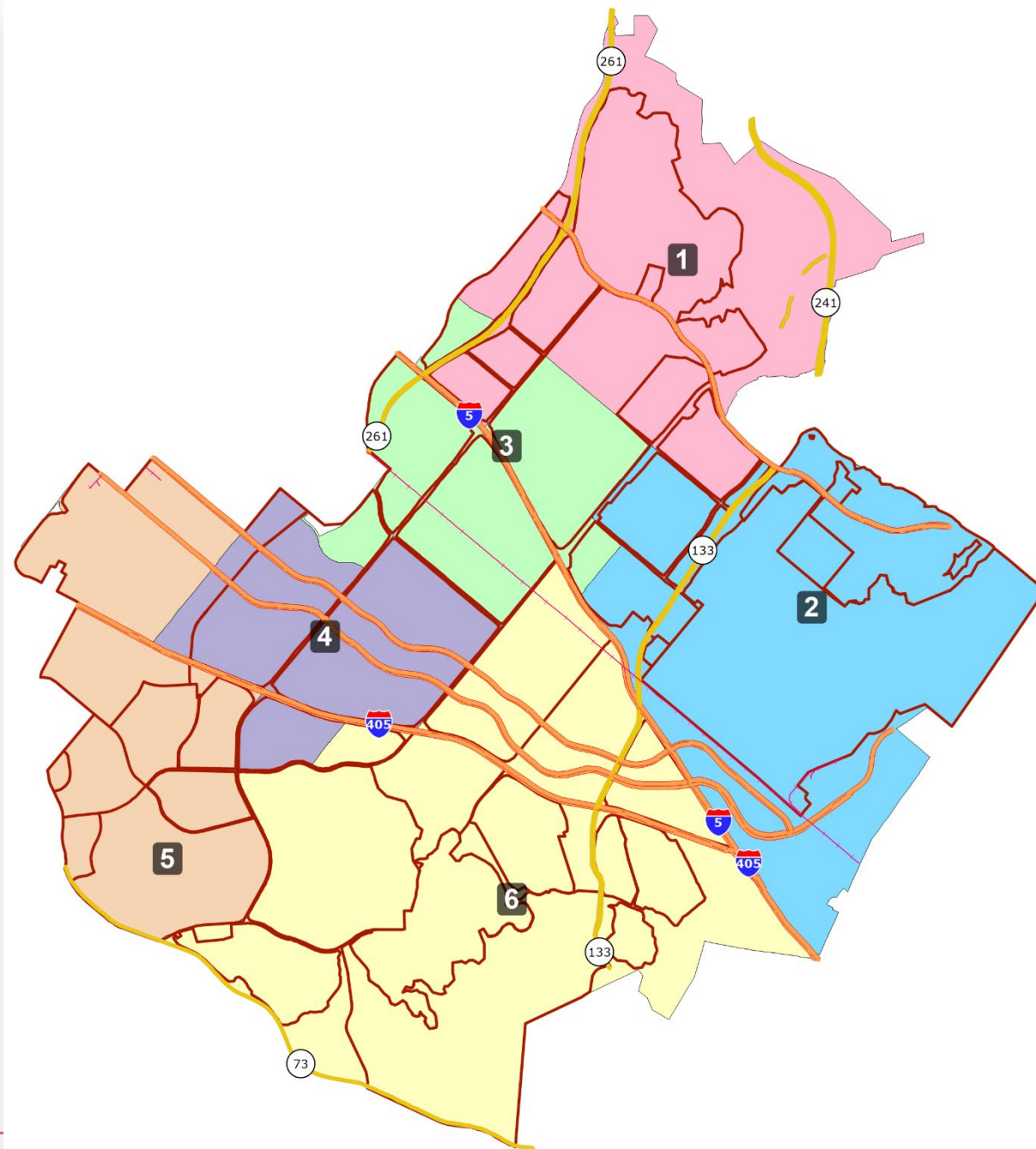
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- District 2 – 2024
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- District 5 – 2024 or 2026
- District 6 – 2026



Map 144

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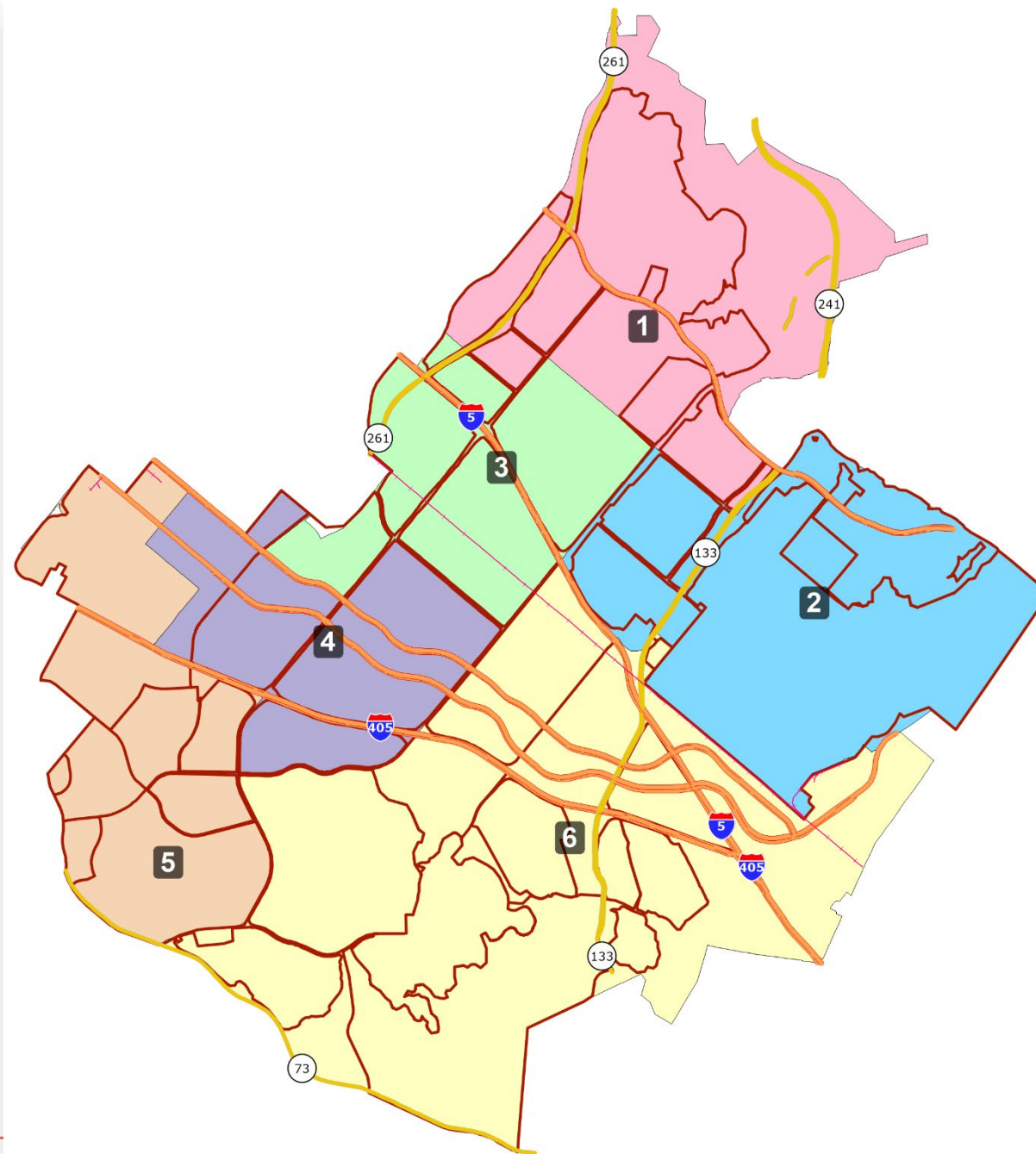
- District 1 – 2024 (short)
- District 2 – 2024
- District 3 – 2024
- District 4 – 2026
- District 5 – 2026
- District 6 – 2024



Map 146

Suggested Sequence:

- District 1 – 2024 (short)
- District 2 – 2024
- District 3 – 2024
- District 4 – 2026
- District 5 – 2026
- District 6 – 2024



Maps 147 and 148

Suggested Sequence:

District 1 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)

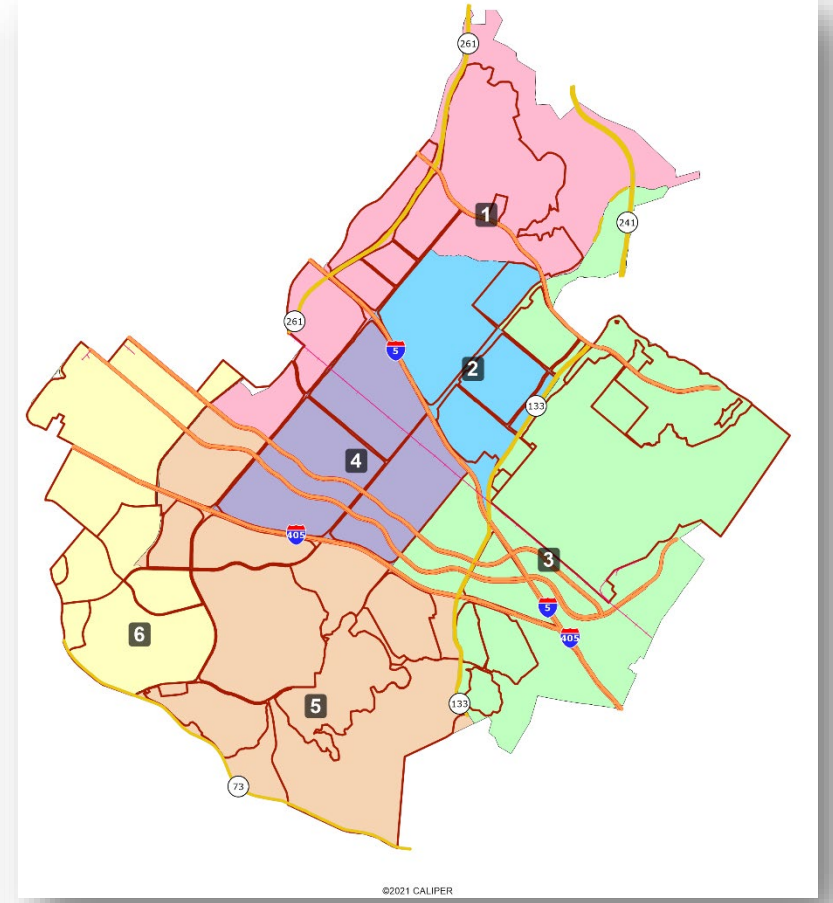
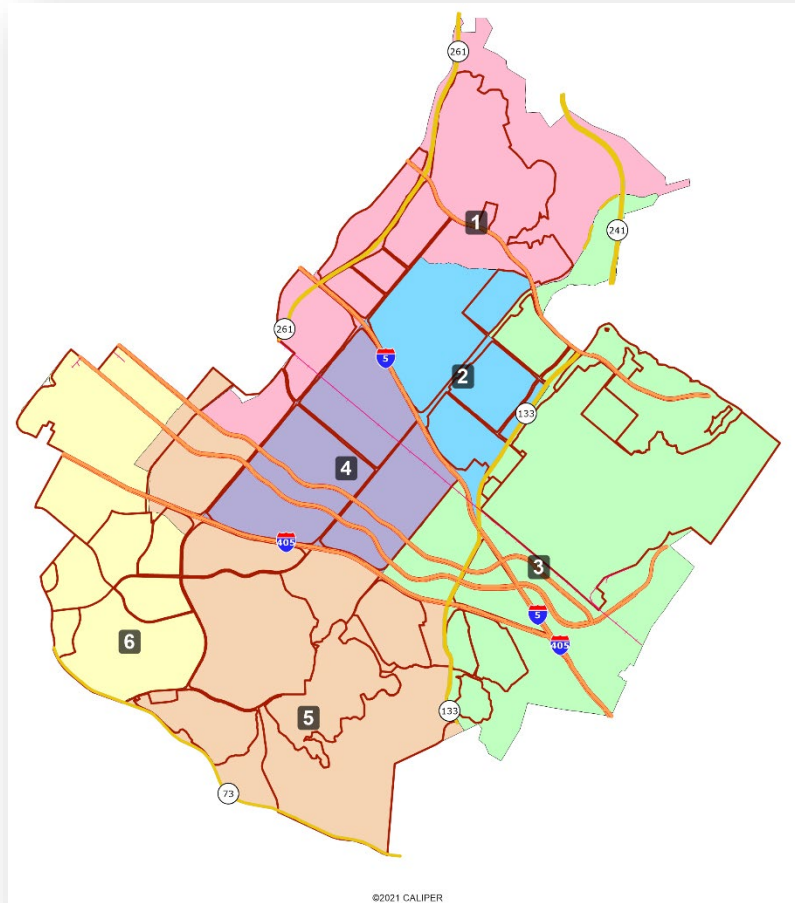
District 2 – 2024

District 3 – 2024 or 2026 (or short term)

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District 5 – 2024 or 2026

District 6 – 2026



Map 149

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District 1 – 2024

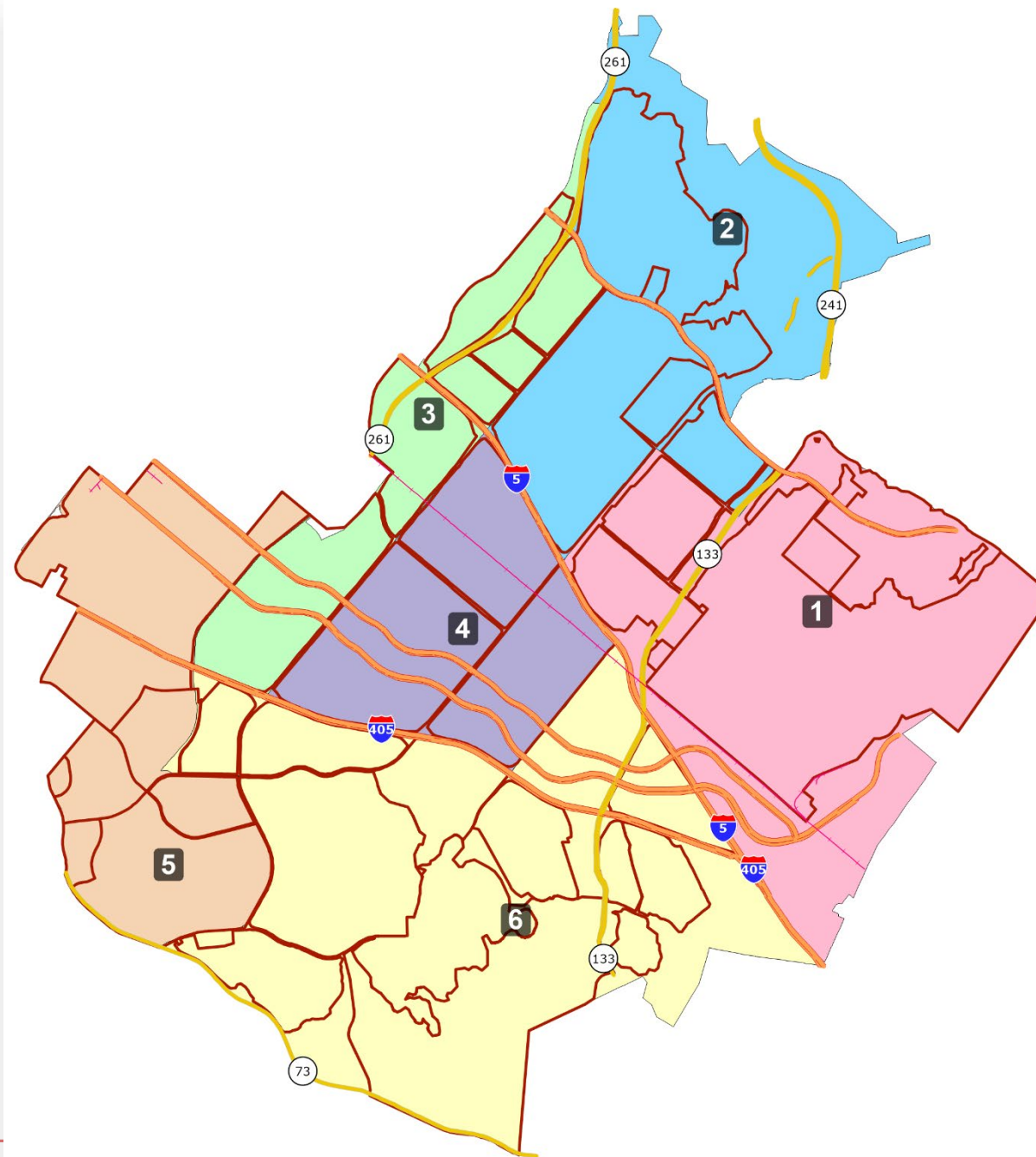
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District 5 – 2026

District 6 – 2024 or 2026

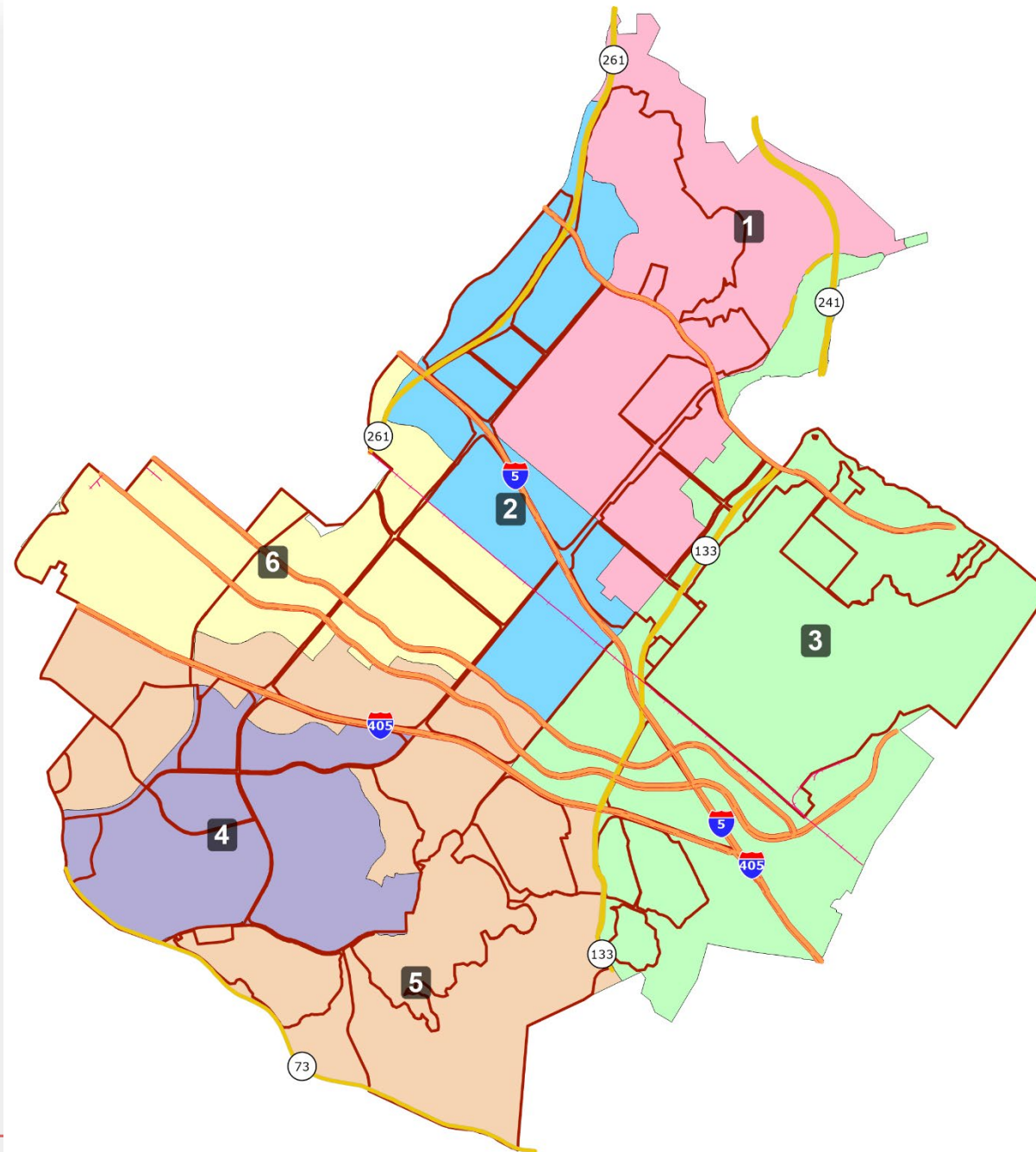


Map 150

Does not keep communities together

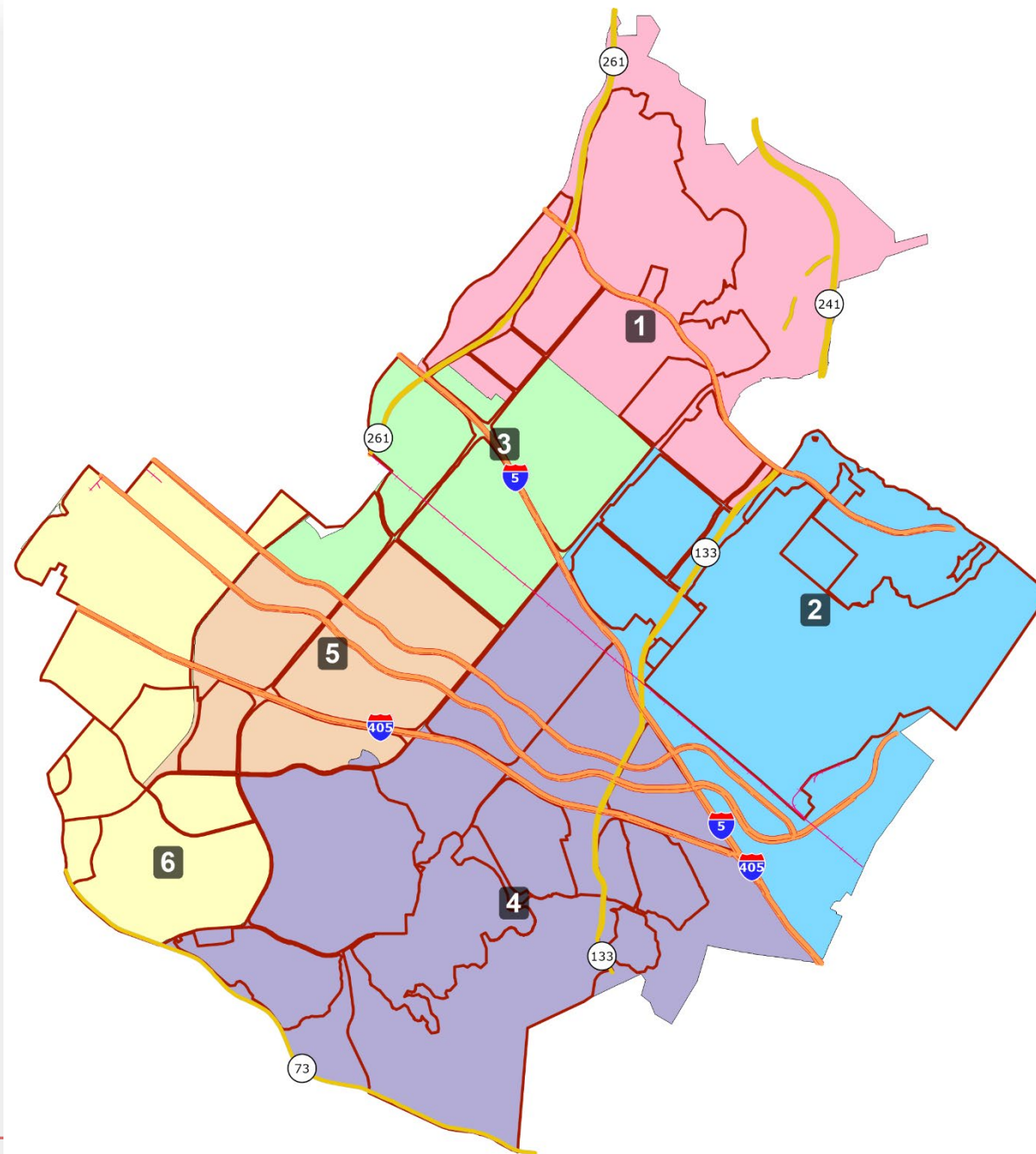
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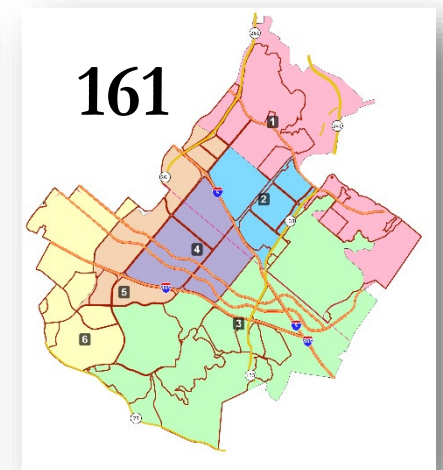
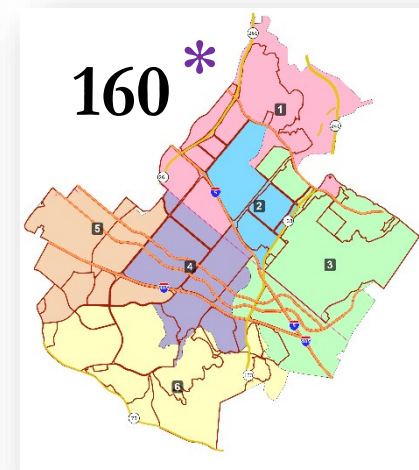
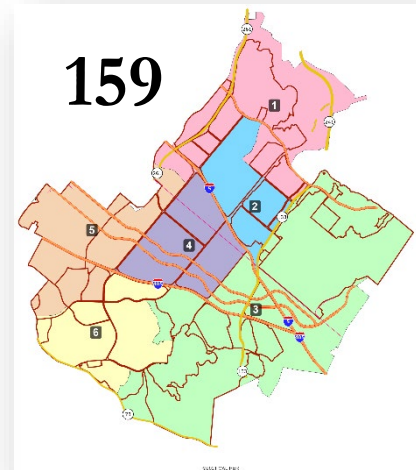
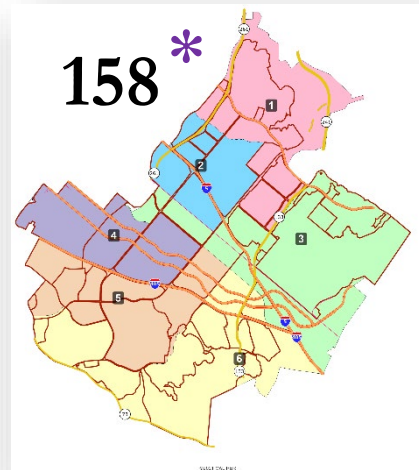
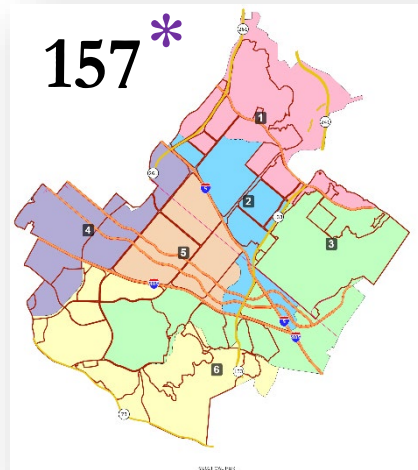
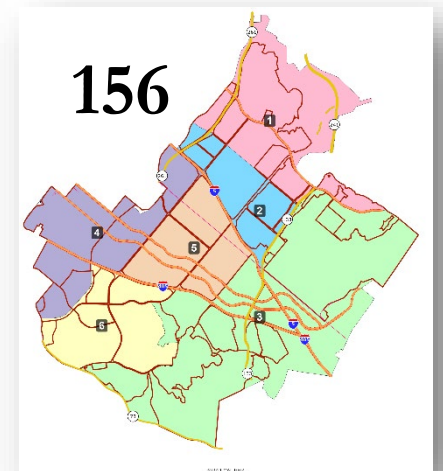
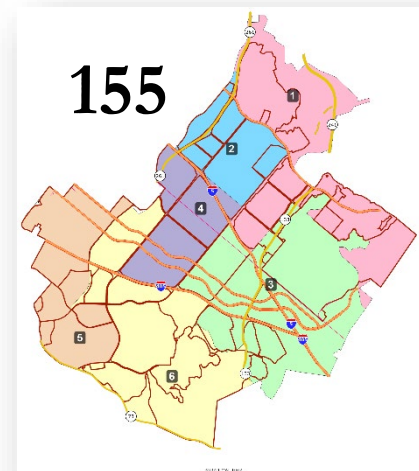
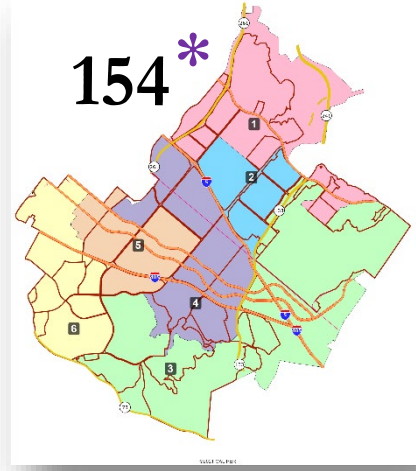
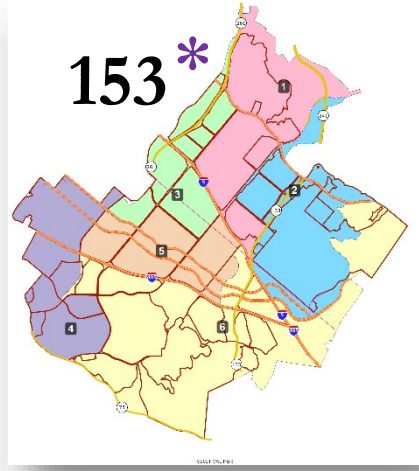
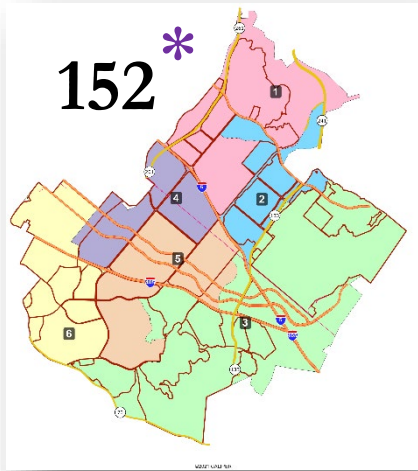


Map 151

- Suggested Sequence:
- District 1 – 2024 (short)
 - District 2 – 2024
 - District 3 – 2024
 - District 4 – 2024
 - District 5 – 2026
 - District 6 – 2026



Anderson Maps



Maps compared by Villages and Asian CVAP

Map	Villages Divided	Highest Asian CVAP
126	4	51% (D3); 46% (D4)
133	6	52% (D5); 47% (D6)
135	3 (Great Park split 4 ways)	48% (D6); 43% (D5)
136	5	47% (D1); 44% (D3)
138	3 (Great Park split 3 ways)	48% (D6); 44% (D5)
144	6	52% (D1); 50% (D2)
146	3 or 4 (0 pop split of West Irvine)	50% (D2); 48% (D1)
147	5	48% (D1); 44% (D3)
148	3	48% (D1); 44% (D3)
149	0	50% (D1); 43% (D2 & D3)
150	15 (some multiple)	48% (D1); 42% (D3)

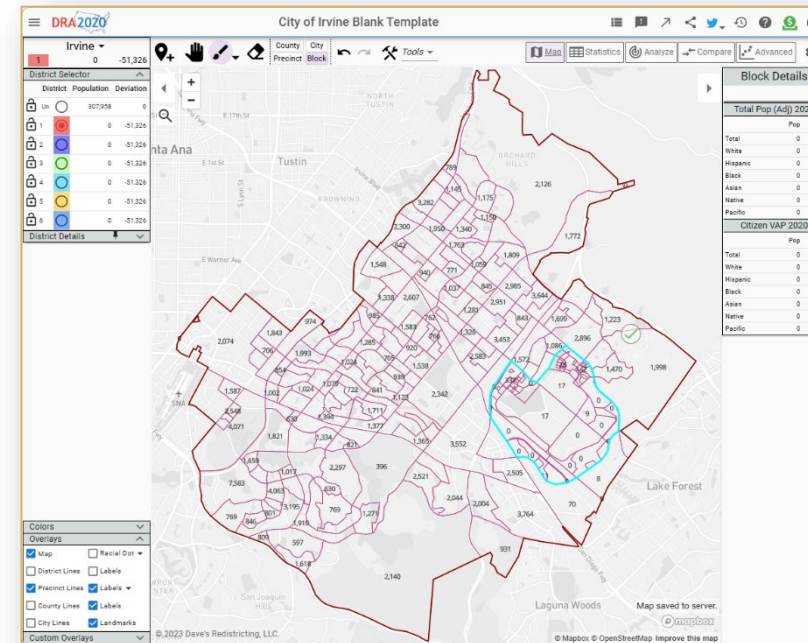
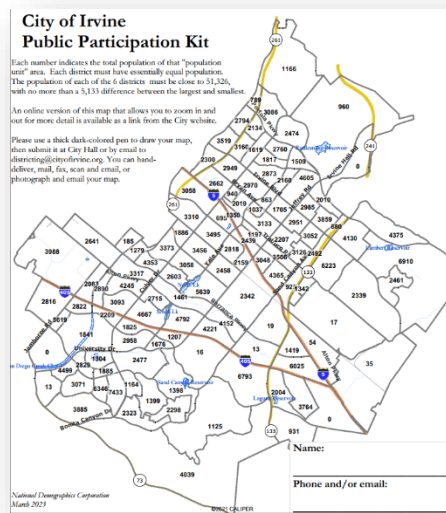
Map	Villages Divided	Highest Asian CVAP
151	4	50% (D2); 49% (D1)
152	6	54% (D2); 40% (D1)
153	4	52% (D2); 43% (D1)
154	7	48% (D1); 42% (D2 & D4)
155	3	51% (D1); 43% (D2)
156	5	53% (D1); 40% (D2)
157	4 or 5 (0 pop split of West Irvine)	52% (D1); 42% (D2)
158	8	54% (D1); 48% (D2)
159	5	47% (D1); 42% (D2 & D3)
160	7	44% (D3); 43% (D1)
161	4	50% (D1); 42% (D2)

Sequence of Elections

- ❑ The final map will need to have a sequence of elections indicating which districts will hold their first elections in 2024 and 2026
- ❑ The Council can designate any sequence they choose.
- ❑ Current Council terms are not affected; Councilmembers may serve out the full term they were elected.
- ❑ Because of the expansion, to have seven members on the new council, one district will first elect for a short term (two years) before holding another election for a full, four-year term
- ❑ In summary:
 - Three districts should hold their election in 2024 for a full (four-year) term
 - Two districts should hold their first election in 2026 for a full (four-year) term
 - One district should hold its first election in 2024 for a short (two-year) term, after which it will hold an election in 2026 for a full (four-year) term.

Public Mapping and Map Review Tools

- ❑ Different tools for different purposes
- ❑ Different tools for different levels of technical skill and interest
 - ❑ Simple “review draft maps” tool
 - ❑ Paper-based simple “Draw a draft map” tools
 - ❑ Powerful, data-rich “Draw a draft map” online tool



Discussion

- ❑ How well do the draft maps comply with the Fair Maps Act?
- ❑ What do you like about the draft maps?
- ❑ What parts of each map work? What parts of each map don't work?
- ❑ Any questions about the mapping tools?

Share Your Thoughts

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